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Sancoff et al.

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Art Unit: 3731

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METHOD OF USE

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF CHANGE OF ENTITY STATUS

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This letter is being sent to notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office that the entity status of the above referenced patent application is being changed to **large** entity.

If you need anything further, please contact the undersigned attorney or agent. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Dated: September 28, 2004

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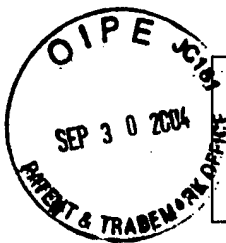
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.